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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Casey K. LEE

Appln. No.: 10/779,873

Group Art Unit: 3738

Filed: February 18, 2004

For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC AND NUCLEUS PROSTHESIS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

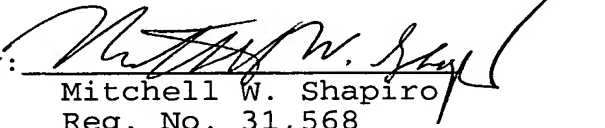
It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by one month. The required petition fee for a small entity is submitted herewith. If any further extension of time is required to avoid the abandonment of this application, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

Respectfully submitted,

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